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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Current Intelligence

SUBJECT

: Congressional Relations

- 1. Would you please remind your people that we wish them to keep the Legislative Counsel advised of relations with the Congress. While I am sure that the individual who set up the briefing for Congressman Zablocki did it with the best of intentions, the fact nevertheless remains that it created embarrassment for the Legislative Counsel and did not reflect favorably on the Agency by making it appear to the Congress that one part of our organization was unaware of what another part was doing.
- 2. Our regulations are quite clear in this regard, but they should not be construed as desiring in any way to inhibit or prohibit social or non-official relations with members of the Congress and their staffs. It should be quite clear, however, that when anything official is involved that affects the Agency, it should be done through proper channels and under Agency auspices.
- 3. You might also be good enough to remind your people that we try to keep in the Legislative Counsel's office a record of the Agency personnel who know members of Congress or their staffs so that we can take advantage of these acquaintances when we set up meetings or briefings for the Congressmen.

SIGNED

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Inspector General

cc: OGC/LC

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